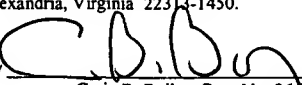


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ADDENDUM TO SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

On September 5, 2002, the Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (copy attached as Exhibit A), calling the Examiner's attention to a referenced Contract Agreement cited on form PTO/SB/08B. The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was received by the Patent Office on September 10, 2002.

In the Office Action of December 18, 2002, the Examiner indicated that the information referenced in the Statement had not been considered because a legible copy had not been provided as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

In order to remedy this situation, Applicants submit herewith a legible copy of the cited reference, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Applicants request that this material be expressly considered by the Examiner, be part of the official record, and be included in the list of references cited in the patent file and printed patent.

For the Examiner's convenience, it will be recalled that Oceanit Laboratories, Inc., a party to the Contract Agreement, was the original owner of the subject patent application by virtue of an Assignment from the inventors recorded in the Patent Office at Reel 011290/Frame 0603 on November 20, 2000. Ownership of the application subsequently was transferred from Oceanit Laboratories, Inc. to Hoana Medical, Inc. A formal Assignment reflecting this fact was submitted for recordal on October 9, 2003.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and reference cited herein are prior art merely because they are in this Statement. The Applicants have brought this material to the Examiner's attention solely to comply with the duty of disclosure.

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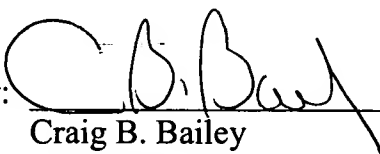
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Applicants previously paid a fee of \$180.00 when the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed on September 5, 2002. If an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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